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The Honorable Donald Evans
Secretary
United States Department of Commerce
14th and Constitution NW
Washington, DC 20230

Re: Millennium Pipeline-Westchester County, New York

Dear Secretary Evans:

I am writing to you to express my deep concern about a situation which has the potential to affect my home and my community.

It has only recently been brought to my attention that the New York Department of State ("NYDOS"), in documents relating to the Millennium Pipeline appeal now pending before the United States Department of Commerce, has asserted there are "reasonable alternatives" to the approved pipeline crossing of the Hudson River, one of which is the Dobbs Ferry/Irvington Crossing through the Tenneco Right of Way.

The basis for the NYDOS suggestion appears to be the preexistence of the Tenneco Pipeline, placed in our community over thirty (30) years ago. Importantly, I am told that NYSDOS' suggestion of the Dobbs Ferry/Irvington Crossing as a possible alternative was limited to a review of the Coastal Zone Impact, and not the impact on the communities beyond the Coastal Zone in the Tenneco Right of Way.

I believe that despite this initial statement by NYDOS, the Dobbs Ferry/Irvington Crossing will threaten the Piermont Marsh Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat on the Rockland County side, and the Wickers Creek area at Dobbs Ferry.

Since the Tenneco Pipeline was built, townhouses, homes, and schools have literally sprung up and around the pipeline and now about the existing pipeline throughout Dobbs Ferry/Irvington. I am told that due to the dwelling density, several homes are at risk of condemnation. This will leave a scar on our communities. Additionally, Columbia Gas Transmission Co. claims that the pipeline is not constructable through the Dobbs Ferry/Irvington Crossing. I am also told that the Millennium Pipeline as proposed, while feasible, would receive NYDOS endorsement if it were two (2) relocated a mere mile north of the proposed route, and not at the Dobbs Ferry/Irvington Crossing.

While the U.S. Department of Commerce has been petitioned by Millennium to determine this project's consistency with the policies of CZMA, it is not appropriate to suggest that a solution is to create unacceptable impacts to my community when a viable route has already been established, and where other alternatives to be considered would have little or no impact.

In conclusion, I request that the Dobbs Ferry/Irvington alternative be withdrawn and not be considered either now, or in the future.

Very truly yours,



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